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116TH CONGRESS
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. MURPHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foster Accountability,
5 Integrity, Trust, and Honor in Congress Act” or the
6 “FAITH in Congress Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF**
8 **CONGRESS FOR FAILURE TO AGREE TO**
9 **BUDGET RESOLUTION OR PASS REGULAR AP-**
10 **PROPRIATIONS BILLS ON TIMELY BASIS.**

11 (a) FAILURE TO AGREE TO BUDGET RESOLUTION.—

12 (1) PROHIBITING COMPENSATION.—If by April
13 15 of any calendar year occurring during a Congress
14 (beginning with the One Hundred Seventeenth Con-
15 gress), both Houses of Congress have not agreed to
16 a concurrent resolution on the budget pursuant to
17 section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of
18 1974 for the fiscal year which begins on October 1
19 of that year, no Member of Congress may receive
20 compensation with respect to the period described in
21 paragraph (2).

22 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
23 in this paragraph is the period which begins on April

1 16 of the calendar year and ends on the day on
2 which both Houses of Congress agree to a concur-
3 rent resolution on the budget for the fiscal year
4 which begins on October 1 of that year.

5 (b) FAILURE TO PASS REGULAR APPROPRIATION
6 BILLS.—

7 (1) PROHIBITING COMPENSATION.—If by Sep-
8 tember 30 of any calendar year occurring during a
9 Congress (beginning with the One Hundred Seven-
10 teenth Congress), both Houses of Congress have not
11 passed each of the regular appropriation bills for the
12 fiscal year which begins on October 1 of that year,
13 no Member of Congress may receive compensation
14 with respect to the period described in paragraph
15 (2).

16 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
17 in this paragraph is the period which begins on Oc-
18 tober 1 of the calendar year and ends on the first
19 day by which both Houses of Congress have passed
20 each of the regular appropriation bills for the fiscal
21 year which begins on October 1 of that year.

22 (3) REGULAR APPROPRIATION BILL DE-
23 FINED.—The term “regular appropriation bill”
24 means any annual appropriation bill which, with re-
25 spect to the Congress involved, is under the jurisdic-

1 tion of a single subcommittee of the Committee on
2 Appropriations of the House of Representatives
3 (pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representa-
4 tives for that Congress) and a single subcommittee
5 of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
6 (pursuant to the Standing Rules of the Senate).

7 (c) TREATMENT OF DELEGATES AS MEMBERS; EX-
8 CLUSION OF VICE PRESIDENT.—In this section, the term
9 “Member of Congress” includes a Delegate or Resident
10 Commissioner to the Congress but does not include the
11 Vice President.

12 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY ADJUSTMENTS**
13 **FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 601(a)
15 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
16 4501(2)) is repealed.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 601(a)(1)
18 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 4501) is amended—

- 19 (1) by striking “(a)(1)” and inserting “(a)”;
- 20 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),
21 and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;
22 and
- 23 (3) by striking “, as adjusted by paragraph (2)
24 of this subsection”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
2 ments made by this section shall take effect December 31,
3 2020.

4 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAV-**
5 **EL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
6 **AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES FOR**
7 **AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN**
8 **COACH-CLASS.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), no funds appropriated or otherwise made available for
11 the official travel expenses of a Member of Congress or
12 other officer or employee of any office in the legislative
13 branch may be used for airline accommodations which are
14 not coach-class accommodations.

15 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Funds described in subsection (a)
16 may be used for airline accommodations which are not
17 coach-class accommodations for an individual described in
18 subsection (a) if the use of the funds for such accommoda-
19 tions would be permitted under sections 301–10.121
20 through 301–10.125 of title 41 of the Code of Federal
21 Regulations if the individual were an employee of an agen-
22 cy which is subject to chapter 301 of such title.

23 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion may be construed to affect any officer or employee
25 of an office of the legislative branch which, as of the date

1 of the enactment of this Act, is subject to chapter 301
2 of title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—

4 (1) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS.—In this
5 section, the term “coach-class accommodations”
6 means the basic class of accommodation by airlines
7 that is normally the lowest fare offered regardless of
8 airline terminology used, and (as referred to by air-
9 lines) may include tourist class or economy class, as
10 well as single class when the airline offers only one
11 class of accommodations to all travelers.

12 (2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—In this section,
13 the term “Member of Congress” means a Senator or
14 a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
15 missioner to, the Congress.

16 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
17 respect to fiscal year 2021 and each succeeding fiscal year.

18 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITING FORMER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**
19 **OF CONGRESS FROM LOBBYING CONGRESS.**

20 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 207(e)(1) of title 18,
21 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

22 “(1) MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICERS OF
23 CONGRESS.—Any person who is a Senator, a Mem-
24 ber of the House of Representatives, or an elected
25 officer of the Senate or the House of Representa-

1 tives and who, after that person leaves office, know-
2 ingly makes, with the intent to influence, any com-
3 munication to or appearance before any Member, of-
4 ficer, or employee of either House of Congress or
5 any employee of any other legislative office of the
6 Congress, on behalf of any other person (except the
7 United States) in connection with any matter on
8 which such former Senator, Member, or elected offi-
9 cial seeks action by a Member, officer, or employee
10 of either House of Congress, in his or her official ca-
11 pacity, shall be punished as provided in section 216
12 of this title.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 207(e)(2)
14 of such title is amended—

15 (1) in the heading, by striking “OFFICERS AND
16 STAFF” and inserting “STAFF”;

17 (2) by striking “an elected officer of the Senate,
18 or”;

19 (3) by striking “leaves office or employment”
20 and inserting “leaves employment”; and

21 (4) by striking “former elected officer or”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply with respect to an individual who
24 leaves office on or after the date of the enactment of this
25 Act.

1 **SEC. 6. PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-**
2 **RESENTATIVES OF MEASURES LACKING DE-**
3 **MONSTRABLE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT TO RULES OF HOUSE OF REP-
5 RESENTATIVES.—Rule XIV of the Rules of the House of
6 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new clause:

8 “7. It shall not be in order in the House of Represent-
9 atives or in the Committee on the Whole House on the
10 State of the Union to consider a bill, joint resolution, reso-
11 lution, or conference report unless the measure involved
12 has demonstrable bipartisan support in the form in which
13 it is to be considered.”.

14 (b) SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING MAJORITY
15 PARTY PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES.—It is the sense
16 of the House of Representatives that the majority party
17 of the House should ensure that its protocols and proce-
18 dures applicable to the consideration of measures by the
19 House are consistent with the requirements of clause 7
20 of rule XIV of the Rules of the House of Representatives
21 (as added by subsection (a)).

22 (c) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—The pro-
23 visions of this section are enacted—

24 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
25 the House of Representatives, and as such they shall
26 be considered as part of the rules of the House, and

1 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-
2 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

3 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
4 right of the House of Representatives to change
5 such rules (so far as relating to the House) at any
6 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
7 as in the case of any other rule of the House.